

N-glycans of recombinant human acid α -glucosidase expressed in the milk of transgenic rabbits

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Pompe disease is a lysosomal glycogen storage disorder characterized by acid α -glucosidase (GAA) deficiency. More than 110 different pathogenic mutations in the gene encoding GAA have been observed. Patients with this disease are being treated by intravenous injection of recombinant forms of the enzyme. Focusing on recombinant approaches to produce the enzyme means that specific attention has to be paid to the generated glycosylation patterns. Here, human GAA was expressed in the mammary gland of transgenic rabbits. The N-linked glycans of recombinant human GAA (rhAGLU), isolated from the rabbit milk, were released by peptide-*N*⁴-(*N*-acetyl- β -glucosaminyl)asparagine amidase F. The N-glycan pool was fractionated and purified into individual components by a combination of anion-exchange, normal-phase, and *Sambucus nigra* agglutinin-affinity chromatography. The structures of the components were analyzed by 500 MHz one-dimensional and 600 MHz cryo two-dimensional (total correlation spectroscopy [TOCSY] nuclear Overhauser enhancement spectroscopy) ¹H nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, combined with two-dimensional ³¹P-filtered ¹H-¹H TOCSY spectroscopy, matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry, and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC)-profiling of 2-aminobenzamide-labeled glycans combined with exoglycosidase digestions. The recombinant rabbit glycoprotein contained a broad array of different N-glycans, comprising oligomannose-, hybrid-, and complex-type structures. Part of the oligomannose-type glycans showed the presence of phospho-diester-bridged

N-acetylglucosamine. For the complex-type glycans (partially) (α 2-6)-sialylated (nearly only *N*-acetylneuraminic acid) diantennary structures were found; part of the structures were (α 1-6)-core-fucosylated or (α 1-3)-fucosylated in the upper antenna (Lewis x). Using HPLC-mass spectrometry of glycopeptides, information was generated with respect to the site-specific location of the various glycans.

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Introduction

Pompe disease, also known as acid maltase deficiency, is a glycogen storage disease, GSD type II, and belongs to the family of inherited lysosomal storage disorders (Hirschhorn 2001). The disease is characterized by a major deficiency of acid α -glucosidase (1,4- α -D-glucan glucohydrolase; GAA; EC 3.2.1.3/20) and is caused by mutations in the GAA gene. Glycogen accumulates predominantly in heart, skeletal, and smooth muscle where it causes cellular damage. Loss of mobility and weakening of the respiratory function are the main clinical findings. Cardiac failure occurs in the most severe cases. Disease severity is related to the amount of residual GAA activity (Reuser et al. 1995). Infants born with a complete lack of enzyme activity have a maximum lifespan of 2 years (Van den Hout et al. 2003). The onset of symptoms in adults can be delayed till the sixth decade of life with only 5–25% of GAA activity.

Human GAA is synthesized as a 110-kDa single-chain precursor protein containing seven N-glycosylation sites (Asn-140, -233, -390, -470, -652, -882, and -925) (Hermans et al. 1993). Its transport from the endoplasmic reticulum via the Golgi network to the lysosomes is mediated by the mannose 6-phosphate receptor (MPR) (Hasilik and Neufeld 1980). In this process the lysosomal enzyme oligomannose-type N-glycans with mannose 6-phosphate groups are essential (Kaplan et al. 1977; Kornfeld 1986). In the late-endosomal/lysosomal compartments the precursor is proteolytically converted into a multi-peptide complex (Moreland et al. 2005). A small amount of the precursor is transported to the plasma membrane, and secreted (Wisselaar et al. 1993).

Recently, enzyme replacement therapy by intravenous injection of GAA has demonstrated promising results in the treatment of Pompe disease (van den Hout et al. 2000; Winkel et al. 2004; Kishnani et al. 2006). As one of the possibilities for large-scale production of therapeutic enzyme, recombinant human acid α -glucosidase (rhAGLU) has been produced in the milk of transgenic rabbits (up to 8 mg/ml) (Bijvoet et al. 1999). The transgene construct consisted of the human GAA

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gene cloned behind the bovine α S1-casein gene promoter (Bijvoet et al. 1998). The purified rhAGLU has an apparent molecular mass of 110 kDa, comparable to the natural GAA precursor secreted in human urine (Oude Elferink et al. 1984). It has been tested in phase I and II trials in babies and older patients with positive results (van den Hout et al. 2000; van den Hout et al. 2001; Winkel et al. 2004).

At present the glycosylation machinery of the rabbit mammary gland is rather unexplored. Recent data have become available from detailed studies on human C1 inhibitor (Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004; Koles, van Berkel, Mannesse, et al. 2004) but, so far, glycosylation patterns of lysosomal enzymes have not been reported. In this study, a detailed analysis of the N-glycans of rhAGLU expressed in the milk of transgenic rabbits is presented, and the glycosylation pathway is discussed.

Results

General

Monosaccharide analysis (Kamerling and Vliegthart 1989) of rhAGLU revealed the presence of Fuc, Man, Gal, GlcNAc, and sialic acid (Table I), and a carbohydrate content of 12% (by mass). GalNAc was not detected, indicating the absence of GalNAc(β 1-4)GlcNAc-containing complex-/hybrid-type N-glycans, as well as the absence of conventional (mucin-type) O-glycans.

Release and fractionation of N-glycans of rhAGLU

The N-glycans of rhAGLU were completely released by peptide- N^4 -(*N*-acetyl- β -glucosaminyl)asparagine amidase F (PNGase F) digestion, as determined by SDS-PAGE, and by monosaccharide analysis. On sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE), the native 110-kDa rhAGLU band migrated to a sharp 97-kDa band, after de-N-glycosylation (data not shown), in agreement with the de-N-glycosylation of seven Asn-sites. Monosaccharide analysis of the isolated N-glycan pool revealed a carbohydrate composition similar to that of the native glycoprotein (Table I). Sialic acid analysis of the glycan pool (and the native glycoprotein) showed, apart from Neu5Ac (97.9%), only trace amounts of Neu5Gc (0.2%) and Neu5,9Ac₂ (1.3%) (Figure 1).

Table I. Monosaccharide composition analysis of rhAGLU and derived N-glycan fractions

Monosaccharide	Molar ratio (Man taken as 3.0)				
	rhAGLU	N-glycan pool	N0	N1	N2
Fuc	0.3	0.4	—	0.4	0.4
Man	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Gal	0.6	0.6	—	0.8	1.0
GlcNAc	2.7 ^a	2.6	1.1	2.4	3.1
Sialic Acid (as Neu5Ac)	0.6	0.7	—	0.5	1.1

^aCorrected for the stability of the GlcNAc-Asn linkage under the applied conditions.

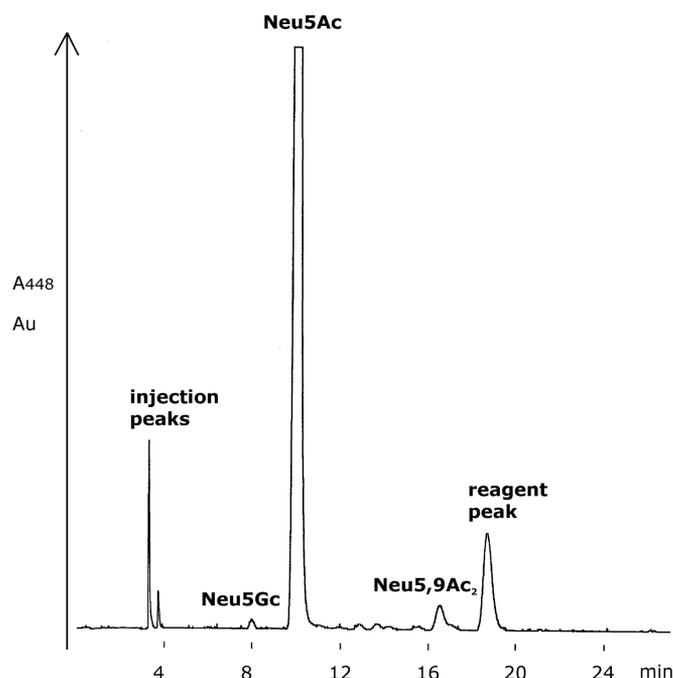


Fig. 1. Sialic acid analysis using DMB derivatives of the rhAGLU N-glycan pool after enzymatic release with PNGase F.

1D ¹H Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) analysis of the glycan pool, i.e., inspection of the structural-reporter-group regions (Vliegthart et al. 1983; Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004), demonstrated the presence of a mixture of oligomannose- and complex-type N-glycan structures (Figure 2A), as well as the occurrence of GlcNAc in a GlcNAc(α 1-*P*)Man unit (GlcNAc H-1, δ 5.481, $J_{1,2} = 3.5$ Hz, $J_{1,P} = 7.1$ Hz) (Nimtz et al. 1995). Neu5Ac residues were exclusively (α 2-6)-linked (Neu5Ac H-3e, δ 2.668; Neu5Ac H-3a, δ 1.718), whereas Fuc residues occurred in (α 1-6) linkage to the Asn-bound GlcNAc residue [Fuc CH₃, δ 1.209 (α GlcNAc-1) and 1.221 (β GlcNAc-1)], and in (α 1-3) linkage as part of an antennary Lewis x element (Fuc CH₃, δ 1.178).

Fractionation of the N-glycan pool (80%) on Resource Q fast protein liquid chromatography (FPLC anion-exchange chromatography) yielded three carbohydrate-positive fractions, having elution positions corresponding to neutral (17%), mono-charged (43%), and di-charged (40%) N-glycans, denoted **N0**, **N1**, and **N2**, respectively (Figure 3).

Structural analysis of neutral N-glycans of N0

Monosaccharide analysis of neutral FPLC fraction **N0** showed the presence of Man and GlcNAc only (Table I), supporting the presence of neutral oligomannose-type N-glycans, thereby eliminating the presence of neutral hybrid- and/or complex-type N-glycans. Its ¹H NMR spectrum revealed only structural reporters typical of oligomannose-type structures ranging from Man₅GlcNAc₂ to Man₈GlcNAc₂ (data not shown). Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) analysis showed the presence of Man₅GlcNAc₂ to Man₉GlcNAc₂ ($[M + Na]^+$, m/z 1257 /major peak, 1419, 1581, 1743, and 1906 /very minor peak) (data not shown). High-performance liquid

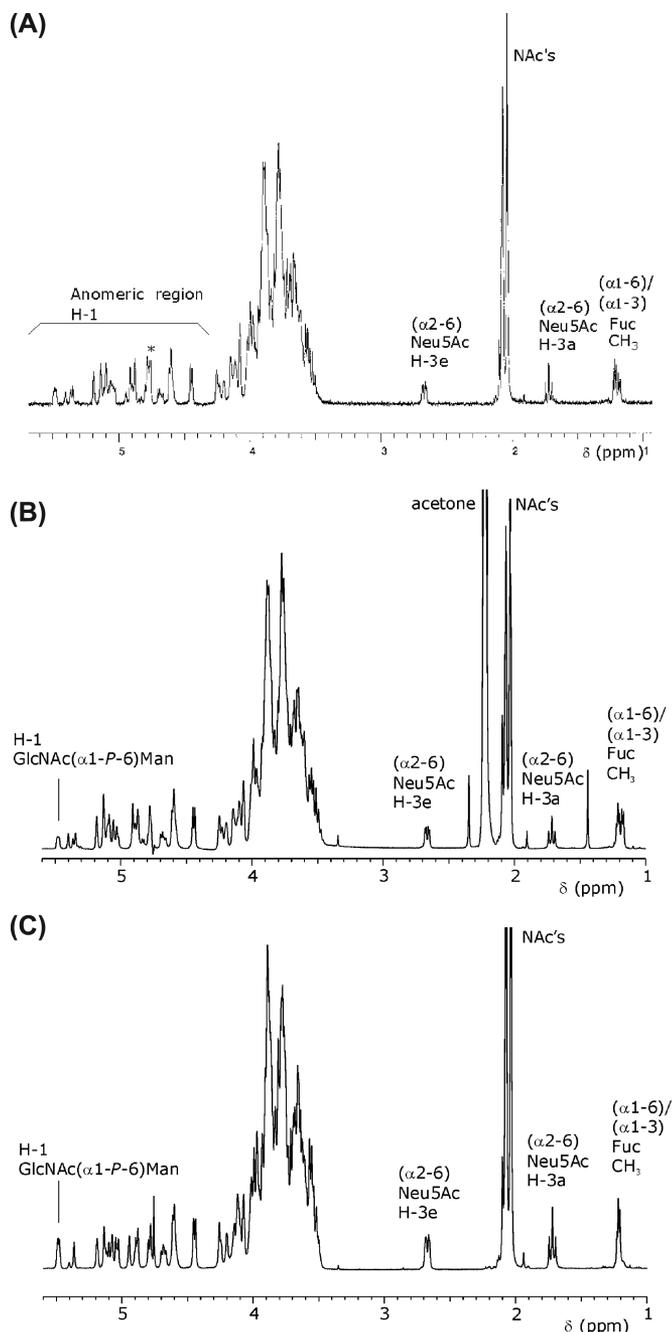


Fig. 2. One-dimensional 500 MHz ^1H NMR spectra of (A) the enzymatically released N-glycan pool of rhAGLU; (B) the mono-charged Resource Q fraction N1; (C) the di-charged Resource Q fraction N2. The peak marked by an asterisk is stemming from the $^2\text{HO}^1\text{H}$ signal.

chromatography (HPLC) profiling of 2-aminobenzamide (2-AB) labeled fraction N0 gave rise to five peaks, belonging to $\text{Man}_5\text{GlcNAc}_2$ (47%), $\text{Man}_6\text{GlcNAc}_2$ (27%), $\text{Man}_7\text{GlcNAc}_2$ (16%), $\text{Man}_8\text{GlcNAc}_2$ (8%), and $\text{Man}_9\text{GlcNAc}_2$ (2%) (data not shown).

Neutral FPLC fraction N0 was further preparatively separated by HPLC on LiChrosorb-NH₂, yielding five peaks, denoted N0.5–N0.9 (Figure 4A), belonging to $\text{Man}_5\text{GlcNAc}_2$ (44%), $\text{Man}_6\text{GlcNAc}_2$ (25%), $\text{Man}_7\text{GlcNAc}_2$ (18%), $\text{Man}_8\text{GlcNAc}_2$

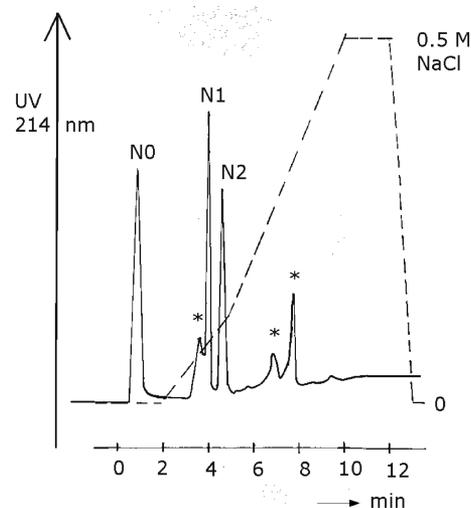


Fig. 3. Elution profile at 214 nm of the enzymatically-released N-glycan pool of rhAGLU on a Resource Q column. The column was first eluted with 8 ml water, followed by a linear concentration gradient of 0–25% (v/v) 0.5 M NaCl over 3 min, and by a steeper linear concentration gradient of 25–100% (v/v) 0.5 M NaCl over 5 min, at a flow rate of 4 ml/min. The fractions marked by an asterisk did not contain carbohydrate.

(11%), and $\text{Man}_9\text{GlcNAc}_2$ (2%), respectively, as verified by MALDI-TOF MS.

HPLC subfractions N0.5–N0.9 were further investigated by 1D ^1H NMR spectroscopy, and the structural-reporter-group data, typical for a series of oligomannose-type structures (Michalski et al. 1990; Stroop et al. 2000; Gutiérrez Gallego et al. 2004; Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004), are listed in Table II. Full structures, including the numbering of the Man and GlcNAc residues, are presented in Table III. Note that in case of oligomannose-type (and hybrid-type) N-glycans, the *N*-acetyl methyl signals of GlcNAc-2 are generally observed at approximately δ 2.064. The ^1H NMR data of fraction N0.5 correspond with a conventional $\text{Man}_5\text{GlcNAc}_2$ structure (cf. compounds QN2.1 in Stroop et al. 2000, and N0.2 in Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004). According to the ^1H NMR data of fraction N0.6, two isomers of $\text{Man}_6\text{GlcNAc}_2$, in a ratio of 21:4, occur. The major isomer N0.6.1 is an extension of N0.5 with Man-C, (α 1-2)-linked to Man-4 (Man6) (cf. compound QN2.2 in Stroop et al. 2000). The minor isomer N0.6.2 is an extension of N0.5 with Man-D2, (α 1-2)-linked to Man-A (Man6') (cf. compounds N0.3.3_{2AB} in Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004, and $\text{Man}_6\text{GlcNAc}$ II in Michalski et al. 1990). For fraction N0.7, all three isomers of $\text{Man}_7\text{GlcNAc}_2$ as extensions of N0.6.1 (Man6) were indicated to be present: N0.7.1, with Man-D3 (α 1-2)-linked to Man-B (Man7); N0.7.2, with Man-D2 (α 1-2)-linked to Man-A (Man7'); and N0.7.3, with Man-D1 (α 1-2)-linked to Man-C (Man7'') (cf. compounds QN2.3A and QN2.3B in Stroop et al. 2000, and Man7, Man7', Man7'' in Gutiérrez Gallego et al. 2004); ratio 11:5:2. Similarly, for fraction N0.8 all three conventional isomers of $\text{Man}_8\text{GlcNAc}_2$ are present: N0.8.1, with both Man-D1 and Man-D3 (Man8); N0.8.2, with both Man-D2 and Man-D3 (Man8'); and N0.8.3, with both Man-D1 and Man-D2 (Man8'') (cf. compounds N0.4.5_{2AB} in Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004, QN2.4 in Stroop et al. 2000, and

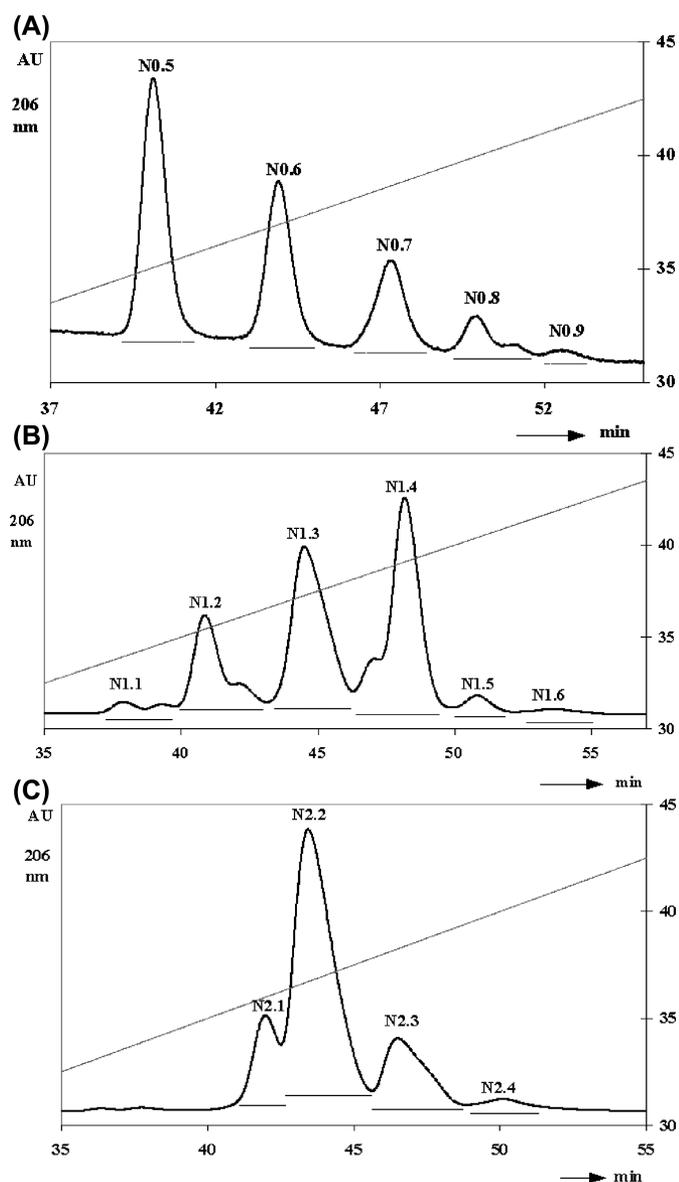


Fig. 4. Elution profile at 206 nm of (A) the neutral Resource Q fraction **N0** on a LiChrosorb-NH₂ column. The column was eluted with a linear gradient of 20–45% (v/v) water in acetonitrile for 50 min at a flow rate of 2 ml/min; (B) the mono-charged Resource Q fraction **N1** on a LiChrosorb-NH₂ column. A 50-min gradient of 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer, pH 6.5, in acetonitrile (20–45%, v/v) was used at a flow rate of 2 ml/min; (C) the di-charged Resource Q fraction **N2** on a LiChrosorb-NH₂ column. A 50-min gradient of 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer, pH 6.5, in acetonitrile (20–45%, v/v) was used at a flow rate of 2 ml/min.

Man₈GlcNAc in Michalski et al. 1990); ratio 1:10:1. The amount of fraction **N0.9** was too low for NMR analysis. HPLC profiling studies on the 2-AB labeled fractions **N0.5–N0.9** confirmed the oligomannose-type structures Man₅GlcNAc₂–Man₉GlcNAc₂, as found in the NMR and MALDI-TOF MS analyses (Guile et al. 1996; Rudd and Dwek 1997).

Structural analysis of mono-charged *N*-glycans of **N1**

Monosaccharide analysis of mono-charged FPLC fraction **N1** showed comparable data with those obtained for the

N-glycan pool (Table I). Its ¹H NMR spectrum (Figure 2B) is similar to that of the *N*-glycan pool (Figure 2A), including the Neu5Ac(α2-6), Fuc(α1-6), Fuc(α1-3), and GlcNAc(α1-*P*)Man structural-reporter groups. It should be noted that in complex-type *N*-glycans an (α1-6)-fucosylated *N,N'*-diacetylchitobiose core element is recognized from the GlcNAc-2 H-1 and NAc signals at δ 4.66–4.67 and 2.09–2.10, respectively, together with the set of Fuc H-1, CH₃, and H-5 signals at δ 4.89–4.91, 1.21–1.22, and 4.08–4.13, respectively. The nonfucosylated *N,N'*-diacetylchitobiose unit is recognized from the GlcNAc-2 H-1 and NAc signals at δ 4.60–4.61 and approximately 2.081, respectively (Hård et al. 1992). Additionally, the presence of (α2-6)-linked Neu5Ac is reflected by methylene signals at δ 2.67 (H-3e) and 1.70–1.72 (H-3a), and the presence of a Lewis x determinant by the set of Fuc H-1, CH₃, and H-5 signals at δ 5.11–5.13, 1.17–1.18, and 4.83–4.84, respectively (Kamerling and Vliegthart 1992).

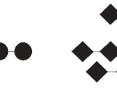
Mono-charged FPLC fraction **N1** was further preparatively separated by HPLC on LiChrosorb-NH₂, yielding six fractions denoted **N1.1–N1.6** (Figure 4B). Screening of the various fractions by ¹H NMR spectroscopy showed for **N1.2**, **N1.3**, and **N1.4** complex mixtures, partially due to the presence of both Neu5Ac and phosphate residues. In order to separate (α2-6)-sialylated glycans from nonsialylated glycans, these HPLC fractions were subfractionated by lectin affinity chromatography on agarose-bound elderberry bark lectin (*Sambucus nigra* agglutinin, SNA). After loading, nonsialylated glycans were eluted with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) buffer as unbound (flow-through) fractions, coded **U**. Then, (α2-6)-sialylated glycans (bound fractions), coded **B**, were eluted with ethylenediamine (EDA). Subsequent elution with 50 mM lactose did not yield additional glycan material. The various **U** and **B** fractions were investigated by ¹H NMR spectroscopy, and the structural-reporter-group data are listed in Tables IV and V, respectively. Fractions **N1.1** (Table V) and **N1.6** contained no structural-reporter groups indicative for phosphorylation, so no further subfractionations were applied. Fraction **N1.5** did not contain enough material for further analysis. Full structures, including the numbering of the various residues, are depicted in Table VI.

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **N1.1** revealed pseudomolecular ions at *m/z* 1789.94 and 1643.85, correlating with the [M-H + 2K]⁺ adducts of Neu5Ac₁Hex₄Fuc₁GlcNAc₃ (*M* = 1789.55) and Neu5Ac₁Hex₄GlcNAc₃ (*M* = 1643.48), respectively. ¹H NMR analysis indicated the presence of an (α1-3) mono-antennary, mono-(α2-6)-sialylated complex-type *N*-glycan (Tables V and VI). The core GlcNAc-1 residue is only partially (α1-6)-fucosylated (cf. structure **N1.4** in Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004). HPLC profiling and exoglycosidase studies on the 2-AB labeled material confirmed the occurrence of both structures (data not shown).

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **N1.2U**, **N1.3U**, and **N1.4U** revealed pseudomolecular ions at *m/z* 1724.65, 1886.92, and 2049.17, respectively, correlating with the [M-H + 2Na]⁺ adducts of Hex₆PGlcNAc₃ (*M* = 1724.50), Hex₇PGlcNAc₃ (*M* = 1886.56), and Hex₈PGlcNAc₃ (*M* = 2048.61), respectively.

¹H NMR analysis of fraction **N1.2U** indicated the presence of Man₆GlcNAc₂ structure **N0.6.1** (Man6), extended with a GlcNAc(α1-*P*) element. The presence of the GlcNAc(α1-*P*) element is reflected by the occurrence of the GlcNAc H-1

Table II. ^1H Chemical shifts of the structural-reporter-group protons of the constituent monosaccharides of neutral oligomannose-type N-glycans, liberated from rhAGLU

Reporter group	Residue	Chemical shifts in ppm								
		 N0.5	 N0.6.1	 N0.6.2	 N0.7.1	 N0.7.2	 N0.7.3	 N0.8.1	 N0.8.2	 N0.8.3
H-1	GlcNAc-1 α	5.188	5.187	5.187	5.187	5.187	5.187	5.187	5.187	5.187
	GlcNAc-2	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60
	Man-4	5.094	5.347	5.093	5.345	5.345	5.345	5.345	5.345	5.345
	Man-4'	4.871	4.872	4.872	4.869	4.869	4.869	4.869	4.869	4.869
	Man-A	5.094	5.093	5.404	5.090	5.404	5.090	5.091	5.404	5.412
	Man-B	4.907	4.908	4.908	5.146	4.907	4.907	5.143	5.143	4.91
	Man-C		5.052		5.054	5.054	5.305	5.31	5.059	5.31
	Man-D1						5.042	5.040		5.040
	Man-D2			5.052		5.054			5.059	5.059
Man-D3				5.042			5.040	5.040		
H-2	Man-3	4.253	4.232	4.252	4.232	4.232	4.232	4.231	4.231	4.231
	Man-4	4.076	4.115	4.067	4.11	4.11	4.11	4.11	4.123	4.11
	Man-4'	4.147	4.146	4.146	4.148	4.148	4.148	4.156	4.156	4.156
	Man-A	4.067	4.067	4.093	4.068	4.093	4.068	4.07	4.09	4.09
	Man-B	3.982	3.983	3.983	4.017	3.993	3.993	4.02	4.02	3.99
	Man-C		4.067		4.068	4.068	4.11	4.11	4.07	4.11
	Man-D1						4.068	4.07		4.07
	Man-D2			4.067		4.068			4.07	4.07
	Man-D3				4.068			4.07	4.07	
NAc	GlcNAc-1	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037
	GlcNAc-2	2.064	2.064	2.064	2.064	2.064	2.064	2.068	2.068	2.068

Chemical shifts are given relative to internal acetone (δ 2.225) in $^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at $p^2\text{H}$ 7 and 300 K. Compounds are represented by short-hand symbolic notation: \blacklozenge , Man; \bullet , GlcNAc; α stands for the anomeric configuration of GlcNAc-1. For numbering of the oligosaccharide residues, see Table III, **N0.9**.

Table III. Relative amounts and structures of the identified neutral oligomannose-type N-glycans of rhAGLU

Code	Glycan structure	% of glycan pool	% per charge state
N0.5	Man5 <pre> Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-3) Man(β1-4)GlcNAc(β1-4)GlcNAc / Man(α1-3) </pre>	7	44
N0.6.1	Man6 <pre> Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-3) Man(β1-4)GlcNAc(β1-4)GlcNAc / Man(α1-3) </pre>	3	21
N0.6.2	Man6' <pre> Man(α1-2)Man(α1-3) / \ Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-3) Man(β1-4)GlcNAc(β1-4)GlcNAc / Man(α1-3) </pre>	1	4
N0.7.1	Man7 <pre> Man(α1-2)Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-3) Man(β1-4)GlcNAc(β1-4)GlcNAc / Man(α1-3) </pre>	2	11
N0.7.2	Man7' <pre> Man(α1-2)Man(α1-3) / \ Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-3) Man(β1-4)GlcNAc(β1-4)GlcNAc / Man(α1-3) </pre>	1	5
N0.7.3	Man7'' <pre> Man(α1-2)Man(α1-3) / \ Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-3) Man(β1-4)GlcNAc(β1-4)GlcNAc / Man(α1-3) </pre>	<1	2
N0.8.1	Man8 <pre> Man(α1-2)Man(α1-2)Man(α1-3) / \ Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-3) Man(β1-4)GlcNAc(β1-4)GlcNAc / Man(α1-3) </pre>	≪1	<1
N0.8.2	Man8' <pre> Man(α1-2)Man(α1-2)Man(α1-3) / \ Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-3) Man(β1-4)GlcNAc(β1-4)GlcNAc / Man(α1-3) </pre>	2	10
N0.8.3	Man8'' <pre> Man(α1-2)Man(α1-2)Man(α1-3) / \ Man(α1-6) / \ Man(α1-3) Man(β1-4)GlcNAc(β1-4)GlcNAc / Man(α1-3) </pre>	≪ 1	<1

Table III. Continued

Code	Glycan structure		% of glycan pool	% per charge state
N0.9	Man ₉		<1	2

and NAc signals at δ 5.482 and 2.074, respectively (Figure 5A). Going from **N0.6.1** to **N1.2U**, an upfield shift is observed for Man-C H-1 ($\Delta\delta$ -0.030 ppm) (Figure 6), and a downfield shift for Man-C H-2 ($\Delta\delta$ $+0.012$ ppm). Furthermore, a downfield shift is observed for Man-4 H-1 ($\Delta\delta$ $+0.020$ ppm), and an upfield shift for Man-4 H-2 ($\Delta\delta$ -0.017 ppm). The structural-reporter-group data of **N1.2U** fit those of the earlier reported GlcNAc-*P*-Man₆GlcNAc₂ structure, having a GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6)Man-C element, derived from BHK-21-expressed EPO (Nimtz et al. 1995). Here, the H-6a/H-6b signals of the phosphorylated Man-C residue have shifted out of the bulk region into the Man H-2 region, thereby complicating the spectrum at δ 4.00–4.02 ppm. It should be noted that also Man-B H-2 is influenced by $\Delta\delta$ -0.017 ppm probably demonstrating, by comparing **N0.6.1** and **N1.2U**, the change in microenvironment. For a confirmation of the GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6)Man linkage using ³¹P-filtered 2D ¹H-¹H total correlation spectroscopy (TOCSY), see the analysis of **N2.2U**, described in *Structural analysis of di-charged N-glycans of N2*. Previously, it has been shown that going from the trisaccharide Man-D1(α 1-2)Man-C (α 1-2)Man-4 to the GlcNAc-phosphorylated trisaccharide Man-D1(α 1-2)[GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6)]Man-C(α 1-2)Man-4, Man-C shows an upfield shift for H-1 ($\Delta\delta$ -0.065 ppm) and a downfield shift for H-2 ($\Delta\delta$ $+0.017$ ppm) (de Waard et al. 1989).

¹H NMR analysis of fraction **N1.3U** revealed the occurrence of three GlcNAc-*P*-Man₇GlcNAc₂ structures derived from **N0.7.1** (Man₇) and **N0.7.2** (Man₇'), by extension with a GlcNAc(α 1-*P*) element (GlcNAc H-1, δ 5.484; GlcNAc NAc, δ 2.076). Going from **N0.7.2** to **N1.3U.1**, an upfield shift is detected for Man-C H-1 ($\Delta\delta$ -0.032 ppm). The observed downfield shift for Man-B H-1 ($\Delta\delta$ $+0.02$ ppm) is not due to a GlcNAc-phosphorylation at Man-B, as substitution of this residue gives rise to upfield shifts (see e.g., **N1.3U.3**). **N1.3U.2** is an extension of **N0.7.1** with a GlcNAc(α 1-*P*)Man-C unit, indicated by the upfield shift for Man-C H-1 ($\Delta\delta$ -0.032 ppm) (compare with **N1.2U**). Going from **N0.7.1** to **N1.3U.3**, an upfield shift is detected for Man-B H-1 ($\Delta\delta$ -0.037 ppm). Taking into account the NMR data for the GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6) element (Nimtz et al. 1995) as well as the Man-B H-1 upfield shift, a GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6)Man-B unit is suggested, yielding a Man-D3(α 1-2)[GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6)]Man-B(α 1-6)Man-4' element in **N1.3U.3** (for further details about Man-B GlcNAc-phosphorylation, see **N2.2U**).

The ¹H NMR spectrum of **N1.4U** showed the presence of Man₈GlcNAc₂ structure **N0.8.2** (Man₈'), extended with a

GlcNAc(α 1-*P*) element (GlcNAc H-1, δ 5.483; GlcNAc NAc, δ 2.075) (Figure 5B). Going from **N0.8.2** to **N1.4U**, upfield shifts are seen for Man-B H-1 ($\Delta\delta$ -0.044 ppm) and Man-D3 H-1 ($\Delta\delta$ -0.006 ppm), in agreement with the presence of a GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6)Man-B unit (see **N1.3U.3** and **N2.2U**).

HPLC profiling studies of the 2-AB labeled fractions **N1.2U**, **N1.3U**, and **N1.4U** before and after treatment with mild acid (removal of GlcNAc)/alkaline phosphatase (removal of phosphate) confirmed the presence of GlcNAc-phosphorylated Man₆GlcNAc₂, Man₇GlcNAc₂ and Man₈GlcNAc₂ structures, respectively.

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of fraction **N1.2B** showed pseudomolecular ions at m/z 1773.46 and 1919.54, corresponding with the [M-H + 2Na]⁺ adducts of Neu5Ac₁Hex₅GlcNAc₃ ($M = 1773.58$) and Neu5Ac₁Hex₅Fuc₁GlcNAc₃ ($M = 1919.64$), respectively. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **N1.2B** reflected an (α 2-6)-sialylated hybrid-type N-glycan with a Man-A(α 1-3)Man-4'(α 1-6) unit (Man-A H-1, δ 5.106; Man-4' H-1, δ 4.896; cf. N1.5B in Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004); the core GlcNAc-1 residue is only (α 1-6)-fucosylated for 60%. These results are in agreement with HPLC profiling/exo-glycosidase studies of the 2-AB labeled fraction **N1.2B**.

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of fraction **N1.3B** revealed pseudomolecular ions at m/z 2123.72 and 2437.83, corresponding with the [M-H + 2Na]⁺ adduct of Neu5Ac₁Hex₅Fuc₁GlcNAc₄ ($M = 2122.72$) and the [M-2H + 3Na]⁺ adduct of Neu5Ac₂Hex₅Fuc₁GlcNAc₄ ($M = 2435.80$), respectively. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **N1.3B** revealed the presence of a mixture of a monosialylated (<5%) and a disialylated (>95%) diantennary chain with core (α 1-6)-fucosylation. For the monosialylated form, only the (α 1-3) arm is sialylated (Man-4 H-1, δ 5.133; cf. N1.3 in Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004; Q1.2 in van Rooijen et al. 1998). The disialylated form is identical to the compound in fraction **N2.2B**, indicating an incomplete subfractionation. Due to its low amount, the structural-reporter-group signals of the monosialylated compound are not included in Table V. The various results are in agreement with HPLC profiling/exo-glycosidase studies of the 2-AB labeled fraction **N1.3B**.

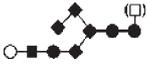
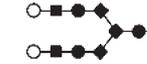
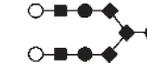
MALDI-TOF MS analysis of fraction **N1.4B** showed a major pseudomolecular ion at m/z 2270.09, corresponding with the [M-H + 2Na]⁺ adduct of Neu5Ac₁Hex₅Fuc₂GlcNAc₄ ($M = 2268.78$). ¹H NMR analysis indicated the major presence (>90%) of an (α 1-6)-fucosylated diantennary N-glycan, (α 2-6)-sialylated in the (α 1-3) arm and with a Lewis x determinant in the (α 1-6) arm (Fuc H-1,

Table IV. ^1H Chemical shifts of the structural-reporter-group protons of the constituent monosaccharides of the phosphorylated oligomannose-type N-glycans, liberated from rhAGLU

Reporter group	Residue	Chemicals shifts in ppm							
									
		N1.2U	N1.3U.1	N1.3U.2	N1.3U.3	N1.4U	N2.1U	N2.2U	N2.3U
H-1	GlcNAc-1 α	5.190	5.189	5.189	5.189	5.188	5.191	5.194	5.195
	GlcNAc-2	4.594	4.594	4.594	4.594	4.597	4.59	4.620	4.60
	Man-4	5.367	5.367	5.367	5.349	5.346	5.362	5.362	5.365
	Man-4'	4.876	4.871	4.871	4.871	4.868	4.875	4.877	4.874
	Man-A	5.090	5.406	5.085	5.085	5.403	5.067	5.072	5.402
	Man-B	4.913	4.93	5.148	5.109	5.099	4.903	5.096	5.082
	Man-C	5.022	5.022	5.022	5.058	5.061	5.021	5.025	5.026
	Man-D1								
	Man-D2		5.058			5.061			5.068
Man-D3				5.042	5.042	5.034		5.043	5.048
	GlcNAc-P	5.482	5.484	5.484	5.484	5.483	5.479	5.482	5.482
H-2	Man-3	4.234	4.234	4.234	4.234	4.231	4.238	4.239	4.242
	Man-4	4.098	nd	nd	nd	4.128	4.107	4.119	nd
	Man-4'	4.150	nd	nd	nd	4.149	4.137	4.144	4.154
	Man-A	4.068	nd	nd	nd	4.069	nd	4.069	nd
	Man-B	4.000	nd	nd	nd	4.018	nd	4.019	nd
	Man-C	4.079	nd	nd	nd	4.071	nd	4.071	nd
	Man-D1								
	Man-D2		nd			4.071			nd
	Man-D3			nd	nd	4.071		4.071	nd
NAc	GlcNAc-1	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037	2.037
	GlcNAc-2	2.063	2.065	2.065	2.065	2.068	2.065	2.064	2.069
	GlcNAc-P	2.074	2.076	2.076	2.076	2.075	2.077	2.076	2.076

Chemical shifts are given relative to internal acetone (δ 2.225) in $^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at $p^2\text{H}$ 7 and 300 K. Compounds are represented by short-hand symbolic notation: \blacklozenge , Man; \bullet , GlcNAc; $\textcircled{\text{P}}$, phosphate; nd, not determined; α stands for the anomeric configuration of GlcNAc-1. For numbering of the oligosaccharide residues, see Table III, **N0.9**.

Table V. ¹H Chemical shifts of structural-reporter-group protons of the constituent monosaccharides of the sialylated hybrid- and complex-type N-glycans, liberated from rhAGLU

Reporter group	Residue	Chemicals shifts in ppm					
		 N1.1	 N1.2B	 N1.4B	 N2.1B	 N2.2B	 N2.3B
H-1	GlcNAc-1 α	5.191/5.181	5.187	5.182	5.190	5.182	5.189
	Man-4	5.137	5.137	5.137	5.134	5.134	5.123
	Man-4'	4.919	4.896	4.914	4.949	4.942	4.876
	GlcNAc-5	4.603	4.605	4.608	4.606	4.605	4.605
	GlcNAc-5'			4.589	4.606	4.605	
	Gal-6	4.445	4.445	4.448	4.446	4.446	4.443
	Gal-6'			4.448	4.446	4.446	
	Man-A		5.106				5.079
	Man-B						5.113
	Man-D3						5.037
	GlcNAc-P						5.484
	Fuc(α 1-6) $^\alpha$	4.89	4.89	4.885		4.893	
	Fuc(α 1-6) $^\beta$	4.89	4.89	4.893		4.893	
	Fuc(α 1-3)			5.132			
H-2	Man-3	4.257	4.248	4.259	4.256	4.258	4.254
	Man-4	4.195	4.199	4.195	4.197	4.198	4.208
	Man-4'	nd	4.137	4.096	4.119	4.115	4.142
	Man-A		4.066				4.071
H-3a	Neu5Ac	1.718	1.717	1.719	1.719	1.719	1.720
H-3e	Neu5Ac	2.669	2.669	2.669	2.671	2.671	2.669
H-5	Fuc(α 1-3)			4.835			
CH ₃	Fuc(α 1-6) $^\alpha$	1.208	1.207	1.210		1.209	
	Fuc(α 1-6) $^\beta$	1.220	1.218	1.221		1.221	
	Fuc(α 1-3)			1.178			
NAc	GlcNAc-1	2.037	2.037	2.038	2.038	2.038	2.037
	GlcNAc-2	2.077/2.092	2.066/2.094	2.09 ^a	2.083	2.098	2.064
	GlcNAc-5	2.068	2.066	2.068	2.068	2.068	2.064
	GlcNAc-5'			2.042	2.068	2.068	
	GlcNAc-P						2.079
	Neu5Ac	2.029	2.029	2.030	2.030	2.030	2.030

Chemical shifts are given relative to internal acetone (δ 2.225) in ²H₂O at p²H 7 and 300 K. Compounds are represented by short-hand symbolic notation: \blacklozenge , Man; \bullet , GlcNAc; \blacksquare , Gal; \square , Fuc; \circ , Neu5Ac(α 2-6); $\textcircled{\text{P}}$, phosphate; nd, not determined, α and β stand for the anomeric configuration of GlcNAc-1. For numbering of the oligosaccharide residues, see Table VI, N2.1B, and Table III, N0.9. ^aless accurate due to side band spinning overlap of acetone.

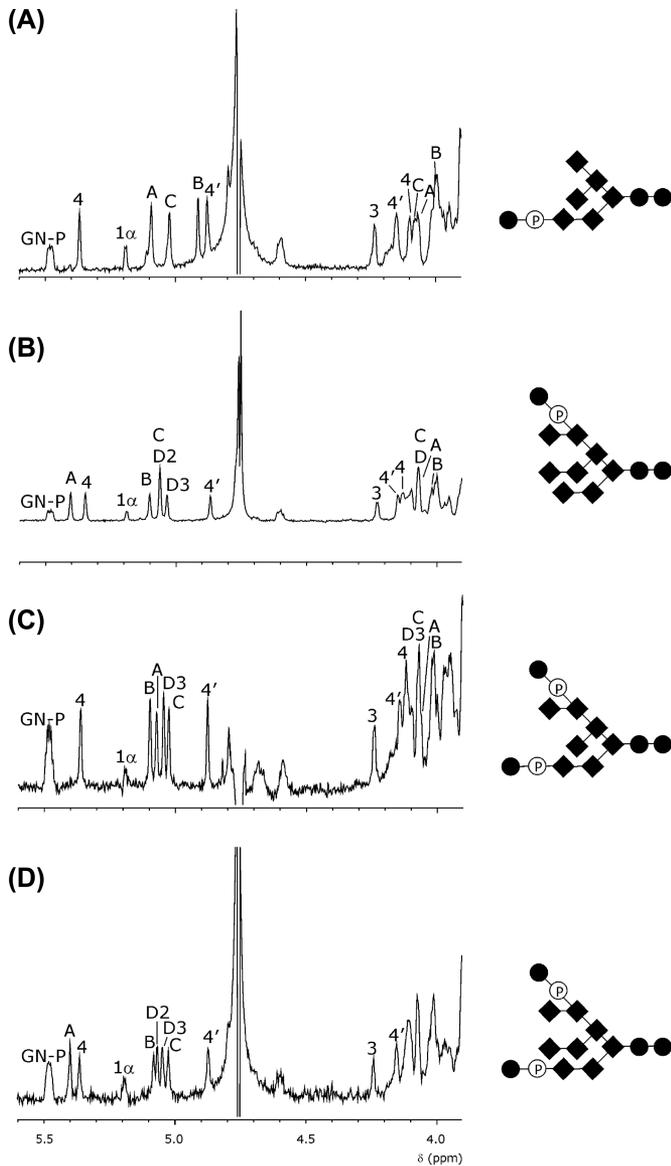


Fig. 5. Partial one-dimensional 500 MHz ^1H NMR spectra (H-1 region, δ 5.6– δ 4.4; H-2 region, δ 4.3– δ 3.9) of (A) fraction **N1.2U**; (B) fraction **N1.4U**; (C) fraction **N2.2U**; and (D) fraction **N2.3U**.

δ 5.132; Fuc CH_3 , δ 1.178; Man-4' H-1, δ 4.914) (cf. structure **N1.1** in Koles, van Berkel, Pieper, et al. 2004). HPLC profiling of the 2-AB labeled **N1.4B** on GlycoSep-N confirmed the presence of the difucosylated, monosialylated, diantennary N-glycan as the major structure.

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **N1.5** revealed pseudomolecular ions at m/z 2302.28, 2464.38, and 2243.18, correlating with the $[\text{M-H} + 2\text{K}]^+$ adducts of $\text{Neu5Ac}_1\text{Hex}_3\text{Fuc}_2\text{GlcNAc}_4$ ($M = 2300.72$), $\text{Neu5Ac}_1\text{Hex}_6\text{Fuc}_2\text{GlcNAc}_4$ ($M = 2462.78$), and $\text{Hex}_9\text{PGlcNAc}_3$ ($M = 2242.61$), respectively. Taking into account the ^1H NMR data of fraction **N1.5**, it is proposed that $\text{Neu5Ac}_1\text{Hex}_3\text{Fuc}_2\text{GlcNAc}_4$ represents an $(\alpha 1-6)$ -fucosylated, $(\alpha 2-6)$ -monosialylated complex-type N-glycan with a Lewis x unit, $\text{Neu5Ac}_1\text{Hex}_6\text{Fuc}_2\text{GlcNAc}_4$ an $(\alpha 1-6)$ -fucosylated, $(\alpha 2-6)$ -monosialylated hybrid-type N-glycan with a Lewis x unit at the nonsialylated antenna, and $\text{Hex}_9\text{PGlcNAc}_3$ a

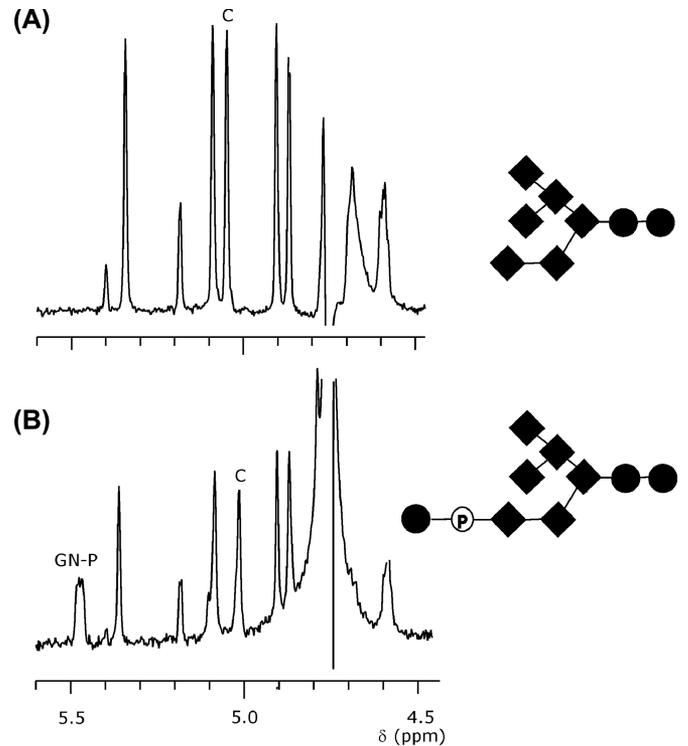


Fig. 6. Partial one-dimensional 500 MHz ^1H NMR spectra (H-1 region, δ 5.6– δ 4.4) of fractions **N0.6** [**N0.6.1** (major) and **N0.6.2** (minor)] (top) and **N1.2U** (bottom), indicating the shift at Man-C H-1 (**N0.6.1** \rightarrow **N1.2U**) resulting from GlcNAc-phosphorylation, and the GlcNAc H-1 structural-reporter-group signal (GN-P).

GlcNAc-phosphorylated oligomannose-type N-glycan. The complex-type structure seems to stem from a chromatographic overlap with fraction **N1.4**.

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **N1.6** revealed a pseudomolecular ion at m/z 2813.52, correlating with the $[\text{M-H} + 2\text{K}]^+$ adduct of $\text{Neu5Ac}_1\text{Hex}_6\text{Fuc}_3\text{GlcNAc}_5$ ($M = 2811.91$). Taking into account the ^1H NMR data, **N1.6** is suggested to be a triantennary $(\alpha 1-6)$ -fucosylated, $(\alpha 2-6)$ -monosialylated N-glycan with Lewis x epitopes at the nonsialylated antennae.

Structural analysis of di-charged N-glycans of **N2**

Monosaccharide analysis of di-charged FPLC fraction **N2** revealed only a gradual difference with that of fraction **N1** (Table I). Its ^1H NMR spectrum (Figure 2C) demonstrated similar features as observed for fraction **N1** (Figure 2B) and the N-glycan pool (Figure 2A), including the $\text{Neu5Ac}(\alpha 2-6)$, $\text{Fuc}(\alpha 1-6)$, and $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1-P)\text{Man}$ structural-reporter groups, but only a trace amount of $\text{Fuc}(\alpha 1-3)$ could be observed.

Preparative HPLC separation of di-charged FPLC fraction **N2** on LiChrosorb- NH_2 yielded four fractions, denoted **N2.1**–**N2.4** (Figure 4C). As evidenced by ^1H NMR analysis, all fractions contained both $\text{Neu5Ac}(\alpha 2-6)$ and $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1-P)\text{Man}$ elements, whereas fraction **N2.2** also contained $(\alpha 1-6)$ -linked Fuc, and fraction **N2.4** both $\text{Fuc}(\alpha 1-6)$ and $\text{Fuc}(\alpha 1-3)$ elements. Fraction **N2.4** did not contain enough material ($<2\%$) for further subfractionation. Subfractionations of fractions **N2.1**, **N2.2**, and **N2.3** were achieved via lectin affinity chromatography on agarose-bound SNA, as explained for fraction **N1** (see *Structural*

analysis of mono-charged *N*-glycans of **N1**), yielding **U** and **B** fractions. The various **U** and **B** fractions were investigated by ^1H NMR spectroscopy, and the structural-reporter-group data are listed in Tables IV and V, respectively. Full structures, including the numbering of the various residues, are depicted in Table VI.

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **N2.1U**, **N2.2U**, and **N2.3U** showed pseudomolecular ions at m/z 2030.15, 2192.32, and 2355.36, respectively, correlating with the $[\text{M}-2\text{H} + 3\text{Na}]^+$ adducts of $\text{Hex}_6\text{P}_2\text{GlcNAc}_4$ ($M = 2029.53$), $\text{Hex}_7\text{P}_2\text{GlcNAc}_4$ ($M = 2191.59$) and $\text{Hex}_8\text{P}_2\text{GlcNAc}_4$ ($M = 2353.64$), respectively. Each of the three 2-AB labeled compounds showed only one signal by HPLC profiling.

The ^1H NMR spectrum of fraction **N2.1U** showed a close resemblance to that of **N1.2U**, with two major differences: a doubling of the intensity of the $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P)$ H-1 and NAc signals at δ 5.479 and 2.077, respectively, and upfield shifts for Man-A H-1 ($\Delta\delta -0.023$ ppm) and Man-4' H-2 ($\Delta\delta -0.013$ ppm). Taken together the various NMR data, it can be concluded that **N2.1U** is an extension of **N1.2U** with an extra $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P)$ unit at Man-A. Comparing all **U** fractions, it seems that GlcNAc -phosphorylation at O-6 of a Man residue leads to a clear upfield shift of its H-1 signal ($\Delta\delta -0.03$ till -0.06 ppm).

Based on its ^1H NMR analysis, fraction **N2.2U** can be considered as an extension of **N1.3U.3** with one extra $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P-6)$ residue at Man-C, meaning that starting from **N0.7.1** (Man7) both Man-B and Man-C have such a substituent (GlcNAc H-1, δ 5.482; NAc, δ 2.076) (Figure 5C). Because of the noted shifts in δ value of several of the Man H-1 and H-2 signals, when going from neutral to GlcNAc -phosphorylated oligomannose-type structures, detailed 2D TOCSY (150 ms) and nuclear Overhauser enhancement spectroscopy (NOESY) (400 ms) experiments were carried out. NOESY cross-peaks between Man-C H-1 and Man-4 H-2; Man-A H-1 and Man-4' H-3; Man-B H-1 and Man-4' H-6; and Man-D3 H-1 and Man-B H-2; identified Man-4, -4', -A, -B, -C, and -D3. These detailed assignments, together with the literature NMR data by Nimtz

et al. (1995) for **N1.2U**, have been used in the identification of the various Man residues in the other GlcNAc -phosphorylated compounds. Application of 2D ^{31}P selected ^1H - ^1H NMR spectroscopy (Figure 7) confirmed the so far suspected $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P-6)$ Man linkages (GlcNAc H-1, δ 5.482; Man H-6a, δ 4.125; Man H-6b, δ 3.959). Going from **N0.7.1** to **N2.2U**, clear upfield shifts are detected for Man-B H-1 ($\Delta\delta -0.050$ ppm), Man-C H-1 ($\Delta\delta -0.029$ ppm), and Man-A H-1 ($\Delta\delta -0.018$ ppm). The relatively small upfield shift of Man-A H-1 (compare with **N2.1U**) is probably due to the GlcNAc -phosphorylation of both Man-B and Man-C.

The ^1H NMR data of fraction **N2.3U** reflected an extension of **N1.4U** with one extra $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P-6)$ residue at Man-C. Not only Man-B (H-1, $\Delta\delta -0.061$ ppm) of **N0.8.2** (Man8') is substituted by a $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P)$ element, but also Man-C (H-1, $\Delta\delta -0.033$ ppm) (Figure 5D). The two $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P)$ H-1 and NAc signals coincide at δ 5.482, and 2.076, respectively. It is interesting to see that, comparing the ^1H NMR data of the different **U** fractions, coupling of a $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P)$ element at Man-C generally leads to a downfield shift of Man-4 H-1 of approximately $\Delta\delta +0.020$ ppm. Finally, the precise position of the GlcNAc -phosphorylated Man-B H-1 signal seems to be dependent on the presence or absence of a $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P)$ element at Man-C: going from **N1.4U** to **N2.3U** Man-B H-1 shows an upfield shift of $\Delta\delta -0.017$ ppm, whereas going from **N1.3U.3** to **N2.2U** this upfield shift is $\Delta\delta -0.013$ ppm.

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of fractions **N2.1B** and **N2.2B** showed pseudomolecular ions at m/z 2290.18 and 2436.79, correlating with the $[\text{M}-2\text{H} + 3\text{Na}]^+$ adducts of $\text{Neu5Ac}_2\text{Hex}_5\text{GlcNAc}_4$ ($M = 2289.74$) and $\text{Neu5Ac}_2\text{Hex}_5\text{Fuc}_1\text{GlcNAc}_4$ ($M = 2435.98$), respectively. HPLC profiling on 2-AB labeled **N2.1B** and **N2.2B** confirmed the presence of only one structure in each fraction. The ^1H NMR data of fraction **N2.1B** are in accordance with a conventional nonfucosylated, ($\alpha 2$ -6)-disialylated diantennary complex-type carbohydrate chain (cf. N2.3 in Damm et al. 1989, and Q2.4 in van Rooijen et al. 1998). Those of fraction **N2.2B** are in agreement with a conventional ($\alpha 1$ -6)-fucosylated, ($\alpha 2$ -6)-disialylated diantennary *N*-glycan (cf. Q2.2 in van Rooijen et al. 1998).

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of fraction **N2.3B** indicated a major pseudomolecular ion at m/z 2403.44, corresponding with the $[\text{M}-2\text{H} + 3\text{Na}]^+$ adduct of $\text{Neu5Ac}_1\text{Hex}_7\text{P}\text{GlcNAc}_4$ ($M = 2402.71$). The ^1H NMR spectrum revealed **N2.3B** to be a hybrid-type *N*-glycan with an ($\alpha 2$ -6)-linked Neu5Ac in the Man($\alpha 1$ -3) arm (Man-4 H-1, δ 5.123), and four Man residues, of which one bears a $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P-6)$ substituent in the Man($\alpha 1$ -6) arm (Man-4' H-1, δ 4.876). The Man-B H-1 signal resonates at δ 5.113, thereby indicating that Man-B bears the $\text{GlcNAc}(\alpha 1\text{-}P-6)$ elongation (compare with **N1.3U.3**).

MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **N2.4** revealed pseudomolecular ions at m/z 2994.87 and 2567.89, correlating with the $[\text{M}-2\text{H} + 3\text{K}]^+$ adducts of $\text{Neu5Ac}_2\text{Hex}_6\text{Fuc}_2\text{HexNAc}_5$ ($M = 2994.91$), and $\text{Hex}_9\text{P}_2\text{GlcNAc}_4$ ($M = 2563.61$), respectively. The ^1H NMR spectrum of fraction **N2.4** revealed indications for an ($\alpha 1$ -6)-fucosylated, ($\alpha 2$ -6)-sialylated complex-type *N*-glycan with a Lewis x epitope, as well as a GlcNAc -phosphorylated oligomannose-type structure.

Site specificity studies

Liquid chromatography tandem mass spectroscopy (LC/MS) peptide map analysis of the site specific glycosylation

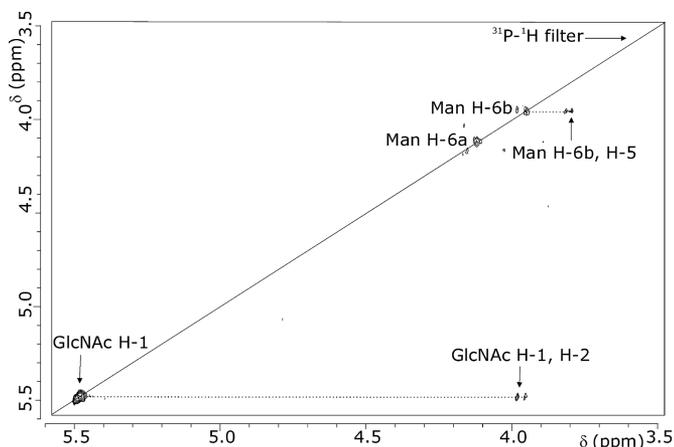


Fig. 7. Partial ^{31}P -filtered two-dimensional ^1H - ^1H TOCSY spectrum of fraction **N2.2U** at 500 MHz recorded with a MLEV-17 mixing time of 10 ms. Peaks on the diagonal originate from the filter selection on the ^{31}P - ^1H coupling. Cross peaks (nonsymmetrical) occur due to TOCSY transfer of the ^{31}P -filtered signal on the diagonal (TOCSY transfers are visible on horizontal lines in the spectrum: dashed lines).

Table VII. Mass spectrometry site specificity data performed on rhAGLU^a

Site	rhAGLU composition	Fraction
Asn-140	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₇ PHexNAc ₄	(Hybrid 1(P)GN) N2.3B
	Hex ₇ P ₂ HexNAc ₄	(M7(P) ₂ GN ₂) N2.2U
	Hex ₇ P ₂ HexNAc ₃	(M7(P) ₂ GN)
Asn-233	Neu5Ac ₂ Hex ₅ Fuc ₁ HexNAc ₄	(Complex A) N2.2B
	Hex ₇ HexNAc ₂	(M7) N0.7.1, N0.7.2, and/or N0.7.3
	Hex ₈ HexNAc ₂	(M8) N0.8.1, N0.8.2, and/or N0.8.3
	Hex ₆ HexNAc ₂	(M6) N0.6.1 and/or N0.6.2
	Hex ₇ PHexNAc ₃	(M7(P)GN) N1.3U.1, N1.3U.2, and/or N1.3U.3
	Hex ₉ PHexNAc ₃	(M9(P)GN)
	Hex ₈ PHexNAc ₃	(M8(P)GN) N1.4U
Asn-390	Hex ₅ HexNAc ₂	(M5) N0.5
	Hex ₆ HexNAc ₂	(M6) N0.6.1 and/or N0.6.2
	Hex ₇ HexNAc ₂	(M7) N0.7.1, N0.7.2, and/or N0.7.3
Asn-470	Hex ₈ PHexNAc ₃	(M8(P)GN) N1.4U
	Hex ₅ HexNAc ₂	(M5) N0.5
	Hex ₆ HexNAc ₂	(M6) N0.6.1 and/or N0.6.2
	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₆ HexNAc ₃	(Hybrid 2)
	Hex ₈ PHexNAc ₂	(M8(P))
	Hex ₇ PHexNAc ₃	(M7(P)GN) N1.3U.1, N1.3U.2, and/or N1.3U.3
	Hex ₆ PHexNAc ₂	(M6(P))
	Hex ₄ HexNAc ₂	(M4)
	Hex ₆ PHexNAc ₃	(M6(P)GN) N1.2U
	Hex ₇ HexNAc ₂	(M7) N0.7.1, N0.7.2, and/or N0.7.3
Asn-652	Hex ₃ HexNAc ₂	(M3)
	Hex ₇ PHexNAc ₂	(M7(P))
	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₆ HexNAc ₃	(Hybrid 2)
	Hex ₅ HexNAc ₂	(M5) N0.5
	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₅ HexNAc ₃	(Hybrid 4) N1.2B
	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₄ HexNAc ₃	(Hybrid 3) N1.1
	Neu5Ac ₂ Hex ₅ HexNAc ₄	(Complex B) N2.1B
	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₇ HexNAc ₃	(Hybrid 1)
	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₅ Fuc ₁ HexNAc ₄	(Complex C) N1.3B
	Neu5Ac ₂ Hex ₅ Fuc ₁ HexNAc ₄	(Complex A) N2.2B
Asn-882	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₅ Fuc ₂ HexNAc ₄	(Complex D) N1.4B
	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₅ Fuc ₁ HexNAc ₄	(Complex C) N1.3B
	Neu5Ac ₂ Hex ₅ HexNAc ₄	(Complex B) N2.1B
	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₅ Fuc ₁ HexNAc ₄	(Complex A) N2.2B
Asn-925	Neu5Ac ₂ Hex ₅ Fuc ₂ HexNAc ₄	(Complex D) N1.4B
	Neu5Ac ₂ Hex ₅ HexNAc ₄	(Complex B) N2.1B
	Neu5Ac ₁ Hex ₅ Fuc ₁ HexNAc ₄	(Complex C) N1.3B

^aThe abbreviations between brackets have been used in Figure 8.

(Table VII and Figure 8) demonstrated a glycoform heterogeneity comparable to that observed by ¹H NMR and MALDI-TOF MS experiments. Site specific glycosylation patterns were determined for all seven N-linked sites. Phosphorylated oligomannose- or hybrid-type structures were found at three of the seven sites, namely, Asn-140, Asn-233, and Asn-470. The majority of the phosphorylated oligomannose-type N-glycans was capped by a terminal GlcNAc group. A small amount of noncapped glycans were also observed. Remarkably, Asn-882 and Asn-925 were only occupied by complex-type N-glycans with varying degrees of sialylation. The accurate mass measurement capability of the Q-STAR qq-TOF MS system made it possible to differentiate the 1 Da mass difference between a diantennary/difucosylated/monosialylated glycan and a diantennary/disialylated glycan. The observed HPLC retention shift between the two glycoforms is also in agreement of the charge difference between them. The detection of the diantennary/difucosylated/monosialylated glycan confirms the existence of Fuc(α 1-3) in addition to core-Fuc(α 1-6), proposed by the ¹H NMR data.

Discussion

In the literature so far only detailed glycan studies are available for native placental human GAA (Mutsaers et al. 1987), constituting the two active forms with molecular masses of 76 and 70 kDa. The 76-kDa form contains five and the 70-kDa form contains four N-glycosylation sites. Using ¹H NMR spectroscopy, it was found that the oligomannose-type N-glycans present were of intermediate size, Man₅GlcNAc₂ and Man₇GlcNAc₂ (missing Man-D1 and Man-D2), and of small size, Man₃GlcNAc(Fuc₀₋₁)GlcNAc and Man₂GlcNAc(Fuc₀₋₁)GlcNAc (missing Man-4). Furthermore, a tiny amount of sialylated diantennary N-glycans was detected. No indications for phosphorylation were found.

Here, we focus on the glycosylation pattern of rhAGLU, expressed in the mammary gland of transgenic rabbits and excreted in the milk. The methodologies applied comprised monosaccharide analysis, mass spectrometry, ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy, and HPLC-profiling/exoglycosidases. The structural results for rhAGLU show a highly complex N-glycosylation pattern, consisting of neutral oligomannose-type, GlcNAc-phosphorylated oligomannose-type, (α 2-6)-monosialylated [(α 1-6)-fucosylated] hybrid- and diantennary complex-type, (α 2-6)-disialylated [(α 1-6)-fucosylated] diantennary complex-type, and monosialylated GlcNAc-phosphorylated hybrid-type N-glycans. Four of the complex-type N-glycans were also shown to contain the Lewis x epitope. In addition trace amounts of glycans with an extra antenna on the Man(α 1-3) arm seem to be present. Sialic acid analysis demonstrated only trace amounts of N-glycolylneuraminic acid. The site-specificity studies indicated heterogeneous patterns for each of the seven N-glycosylation sites. It is interesting to note that only Asn-140, Asn-233, and Asn-470 contained phosphorylated oligomannose- and hybrid-type structures, whereas Asn-882 and Asn-925 were only occupied by complex-type N-glycans. No indications for O-glycosylation were found.

In rhAGLU, the endo-mannosidase pathway is competitively active (Moore and Spiro 1990), just like in the earlier discussed case of recombinant human C1 inhibitor, expressed in the milk of transgenic rabbits (Koles, van Berkel, Pieper,

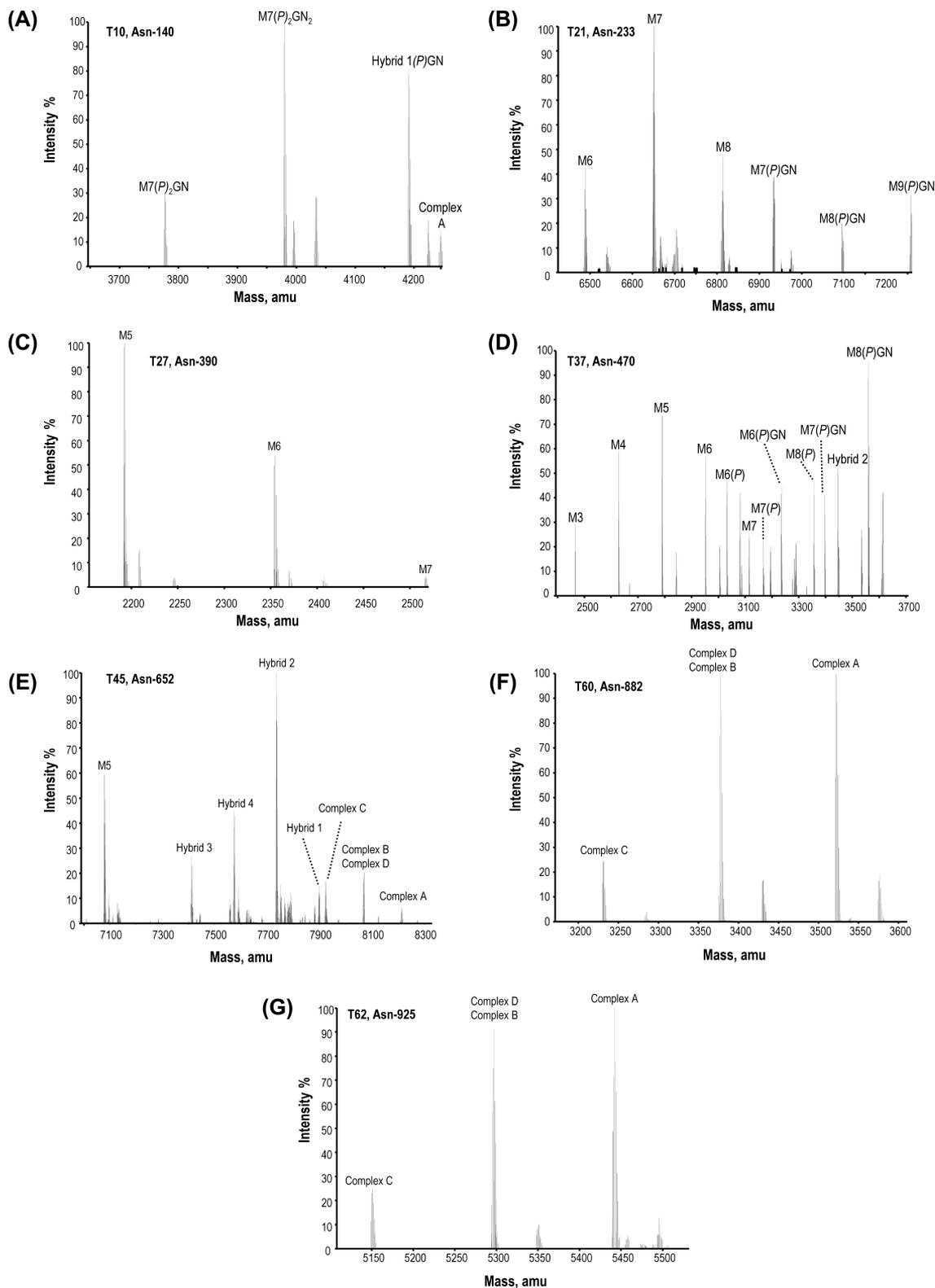


Fig. 8. Mass spectra of the glycopeptides of the seven N-glycosylation sites stemming from the site-specificity studies. (A) Asn-140; (B) Asn-233; (C) Asn-390; (D) Asn-470; (E) Asn-652; (F) Asn-882; and (G) Asn-925. For the coding system, see Table VII.

et al. 2004; Koles, van Berkel, Mannesse, et al. 2004). Inspection of the structures in the neutral fraction **N0** (Table III) shows the presence of the three possible Man₈GlcNAc₂ isomers, namely, Man8 (major normal

pathway; absence of Man-D2), Man8' (endo-mannosidase pathway; absence of Man-D1), and Man8'' (minor normal pathway; absence of Man-D3) (Weng and Spiro 1993, 1996; Verbert 1995; Ermonval et al. 2001). Additionally, the three

isomers of Man₇GlcNAc₂ occur, with Man₇ being the most abundant one, as well as the two isomers of Man₆GlcNAc₂, one with Man-C (Man₆) and one with Man-D₂ (Man₆'). The smallest glycan is Man₅GlcNAc₂ (Man₅).

Inspection of the various GlcNAc-phosphorylated Man₆₋₉GlcNAc₂ and hybrid-type N-glycans indicates that the major structures are derived from Man₆₋₈GlcNAc₂, missing Man-D₁. The GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6) units occur at Man-A, Man-B when substituted with Man-D₃, and/or Man-C. No indications for phosphorylation were observed for Man-D₁, Man-D₂, and Man-D₃. Previously, Varki and Kornfeld (1980) reported that GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6) units (one or two) can occur on Man-A when missing Man-D₂, Man-B, Man-C, Man-D₁, and/or Man-D₃ of Man₆₋₉GlcNAc₂ structures, as specified for β -glucuronidase from mouse lymphoma cells. Even the hybrid-type structure N_{2.3B} has been detected in P388D₁ mouse macrophage cells (Varki and Kornfeld 1983).

A unique event in the N-glycosylation of lysosomal enzymes is the mannose 6-phosphorylation. In this process, first, UDP-*N*-acetylglucosamine:glycoprotein *N*-acetylglucosamine-1-phosphotransferase (EC 2.7.8.17) transfers GlcNAc(α 1-*P*) from UDP-GlcNAc to one or more mannose residues on lysosomal enzymes to give rise to a phosphodiester intermediate (Reitman and Kornfeld 1981a, 1981b; Waheed et al. 1982). Then, the *N*-acetylglucosamine-1-phosphodiester α -*N*-acetylglucosaminidase (EC 3.1.4.45), the uncapping enzyme, removes the GlcNAc residue to generate the active phosphomonoester (Varki and Kornfeld 1981; Waheed et al. 1981; Varki and Marth 1999). The free phosphate(s) can now be targeted by the MPR and transported towards the lysosomes. "Capped" phosphates cannot be targeted and no transport towards the lysosomes can occur via this way.

Detailed structural analysis of the glycosylation patterns of recombinant therapeutic glycoproteins is a prerequisite for their reliable use in patients. Undesirable immunogenic effects should be eliminated or at least reduced to a minimum. From phase I and phase II clinical trials, it is known that the transgenic human GAA (rhAGLU), described in this paper, is well accepted by patients with Pompe disease (van den Hout et al. 2000; van den Hout et al. 2001; van den Hout et al. 2004; Winkel et al. 2004; Klinge, Straub, Neudorf, Schaper, et al. 2005; Klinge, Straub, Neudorf, Voit, 2005). Evaluating the N-glycosylation pattern of the transgenic product, conventional oligomannose-, hybrid-, and complex-type N-glycans, regularly found in human glycoproteins are present. Neu5Gc, which may lead to immune reactions in humans, is only present in trace amounts. The major difference with the N-glycosylation of native lysosomal enzymes is the occurrence of capped phosphate groups (GlcNAc(α 1-*P*-6)Man) (27% of the total glycan pool) on part of the oligomannose- and hybrid-type structures. Indications for the presence of very minor amounts of noncapped phosphate groups in different rhAGLU batches were obtained from the included MS site-specificity studies as well as from in vitro experiments (A.J.J. Reuser et al. unpublished results). As discussed already, Man_{6P} constituents are essential to be targeted by the MPR in order to reach the lysosomes (Gabel and Kornfeld 1982; Goldberg and Kornfeld 1983; Kornfeld and Kornfeld 1985; Kornfeld 1986). So, theoretically, taking into

account the N-glycosylation pattern of rhAGLU, the recombinant product should be biologically inactive. However, the clinical trials have shown that it is biologically active after intravenous injection in patients (*vide infra*). Previously, it has been reported that, although *N*-acetylglucosamine-1-phospho-diester α -*N*-acetylglucosaminidase resides in the *trans*-Golgi network (TGN), it cycles between the TGN and the plasma membrane, and is partially available at the cell surface (Kornfeld and Mellman 1989; Rohrer and Kornfeld 2001). Moreover, it has been demonstrated that human serum contains free *N*-acetylglucosamine-1-phospho-diester α -*N*-acetylglucosaminidase, suggested to be derived from the Golgi enzyme (Lee and Pierce 1995). A possible explanation is that rhAGLU is uncapped in the bloodstream, then targeted by the MPR and transported towards the lysosome, starting the glycogen clearance. Following this assumption, it means that rhAGLU can be considered as a prodrug, becoming fully biologically active after in vivo processing by endogenous enzymatic pathways. In this context, the finding of two GlcNAc-phosphorylated Man residues per glycan in rhAGLU is important, because diphosphorylated glycans are better recognized by the MPR than monophosphorylated ones (Goldberg and Kornfeld 1981; Natowicz et al. 1982).

Materials and methods

Recombinant human acid α -glucosidase

rhAGLU, isolated and purified from pooled milk of a transgenic rabbit line expressing the glycoprotein on a 8 g/l scale (Bijvoet et al. 1999), was obtained from Pharming Technologies BV, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Release and isolation of N-linked glycans

Purified rhAGLU (70 mg) was dissolved in 5 ml 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer pH 7.3, containing 10 mM EDTA, 10 mM β -mercaptoethanol, and 0.5% SDS (w/v), then denatured for 5 min at 100°C. After having added Nonidet P40 (Sigma, Zwijndrecht, The Netherlands) to a final concentration of 1.5% (v/v), the N-glycans were released with recombinant PNGase F (from *Flavobacterium meningosepticum* expressed in *Escherichia coli*, EC 3.5.1.52; Roche Molecular Biochemicals, Indianapolis, IN). The digestion was carried out with 350 U PNGase F (added in two steps: 250 U at t_0 and 100 U after 12 h) for 24 h at 37°C. After filtration through 30-kDa cut-off centrifugal filters (Nalgene, Neerijse, Belgium), the de-N-glycosylated glycoprotein was recovered from the filters, and checked by SDS-PAGE (Laemmli 1970) and monosaccharide analysis (Kamerling and Vliegthart 1989). The filtrate, containing the released N-glycans, was treated with Calbiosorb Adsorbent (Calbiochem, San Diego, CA) according to the manufacturer's protocol to remove detergents. Finally, the N-glycan pool was desalted and purified on a Bio-Gel P-2 column (43 \times 1.5 cm, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Veenendaal, The Netherlands), eluted with 10 mM NH₄HCO₃, followed by lyophilization.

Monosaccharide analysis

Glycan (glycoprotein) samples were subjected to methanolysis (1.0 M methanolic HCl, 24 h, 85°C) followed by re-*N*-acetylation and trimethylsilylation (Kamerling and Vliegthart

1989). The mixture of trimethylsilylated (methyl ester) methyl glycosides was analyzed by gas-liquid chromatography (GLC) on an EC-1 column (30 m x 0.32 mm, Alltech, Breda, The Netherlands), using a Chrompack CP 9002 instrument (Chrompack, Middelburg, The Netherlands), and applying a temperature program of 140–240°C at 4°C/min. Confirmation of the data was established via combined GLC-EIMS on a GC 8060/MD 800 system (Fisons Instruments/Interscience, Breda, The Netherlands), equipped with an AT-1 column (30 m x 0.25 mm, Alltech), using the same temperature program as for GLC.

Sialic acid determination

Glycan (glycoprotein) samples were subjected to sialic acid analysis (Hara et al. 1989). Briefly, aliquots (10 µg) were hydrolyzed in 200 µl 2 M acetic acid for 3 h at 80°C. After cooling to room temperature, 200 µl of a 1,2-diamino-4,5-methylene-dioxybenzene (DMB) solution was added, and the samples were heated in the dark at 50°C for 2.5 h. The DMB solution was prepared by dissolving 3 mg DMB in 1898.1 µl of a solution prepared by mixing 6 mg sodium hydrosulfite, 100.8 µl β-mercaptoethanol, 1340.4 µl 2 M acetic acid, and 472.8 µl water. After cooling on ice, the generated DMB derivatives of sialic acids were immediately analyzed on a reversed-phase Cosmosil 5C18-AR-II column (4.6 x 250 mm, Waters, Eschborn, Germany), using a Spectroflow 400 HPLC system (ABI Analytical Kratos Division, Separations, H.I. Ambacht, The Netherlands), equipped with a Spectroflow 980 fluorescence detector ($\lambda_{\text{exc.max}} = 373$ nm, $\lambda_{\text{em.max}} = 448$ nm). The elution was carried out isocratically, using acetonitrile:methanol:water (9:7:84, v/v) as solvent.

Anion-exchange chromatography on Resource Q

The N-glycan pool of rhAGLU was fractionated into neutral and charged species on a Resource Q column (6 ml, Pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden), using a Pharmacia FPLC system. The column was first eluted with water, followed by a linear concentration gradient of 0–0.5 M NaCl, at a flow rate of 4 ml/min; for gradient details, see Figure 3. The elution was monitored by UV absorbance at 214 nm. Individual fractions were lyophilized, then desalted on a Bio-Gel P-2 column (44 x 1 cm) using 10 mM NH₄HCO₃ as eluent, and lyophilized again.

HPLC fractionation on LiChrosorb-NH₂

The FPLC fractions were further fractionated on a LiChrosorb-NH₂ 10 µm column (250 mm x 4.6 mm, Alltech), connected with a LiChrospher Amino 5 µm guard column (7.5 x 4.6 mm), using a Waters 600 HPLC system. A 50-min gradient of water or 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer, pH 6.5, in acetonitrile (each 20–45%, v/v), at a flow rate of 2 ml/min, was used; for gradient details see Figure 4A–C. The fractionations were monitored by UV absorbance at 206 nm, and the individual fractions were lyophilized without desalting.

Labeling of N-glycans with 2-AB and HPLC profiling

Purified and lyophilized N-glycans were treated with 0.35 M 2-AB/1 M sodium cyanoborohydride in dimethyl sulfoxide: acetic acid (7:3, v/v) for 2 h at 65°C. The 2-AB labeled glycans were purified via paper chromatography on acid-

pretreated QMA (Whatman) filter paper strips using acetonitrile (three times) as a mobile phase. Glycans (remaining at the base line) were eluted from the dried paper strips with water, and concentrated (Bigge et al. 1995; Kinoshita and Sugahara 1999).

Profiling was carried out on a GlycoSep-N column (50 x 4.6 mm, Oxford GlycoScience, Oxford, UK) at 30°C, using a Waters 2690XE Alliance system, equipped with a Waters 474 fluorescence detector ($\lambda_{\text{exc.max}} = 373$ nm, $\lambda_{\text{em.max}} = 420$ nm). A 100-min gradient of 50 mM ammonium formate, pH 4.4, in acetonitrile (25.2–55%, v/v) was used, at a flow rate of 0.8 ml/min, followed by a 3-min gradient to 100% ammonium formate, which was kept for 5 min at 1 ml/min before regeneration started.

Exoglycosidase digestion of suitable amounts of dried 2-AB labeled fractions, as part of the HPLC profiling, were carried out for 18 h at 37°C in 20-µl solutions, containing 10 µl 0.1 M sodium citrate buffer, pH 5.3, and a fixed amount of enzyme solution completed with water to 10 µl. Before use, the 2-AB labeled samples were purified through 5-kDa cut-off centrifugal filters (Millipore, Amsterdam, The Netherlands). A 2-AB labeled dextran hydrolysate served as external calibration standard on GlycoSep-N. Incubations of oligomannose-type glycans were carried out with 3 µl jack bean α-mannosidase (19 U/ml, suspension in 3.0 M (NH₄)₂SO₄ and 0.1 M zinc acetate, pH 7.5; Sigma). Sequential and combined exoglycosidase digestions of hybrid- and complex-type glycans were carried out with 2 µl *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (α2-3)-sialidase (250 mU/ml, in 25 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5; Calbiochem); 2 µl *Arthrobacter* sialidase (1 U/100 µl, in 10 mM Na-phosphate, 0.1% Micr-O-protect, 0.25 mg/ml bovine serum albumin, pH 7; Roche); 3 µl bovine testis β-galactosidase (1–3 U/mg, suspension in 3.2 M (NH₄)₂SO₄, pH approximately 5.0; Sigma); 2 µl jack bean β-N-acetylglucosaminidase (50 U/mg, suspension in 2.5 M (NH₄)₂SO₄, pH 7.0; Sigma); and/or 3 µl jack bean α-mannosidase.

Mild acid hydrolysis/alkaline phosphatase digestion of phosphorylated glycans

Mild acid treatment of relevant samples was carried out in 100 mM HCl (0.5 ml) for 30 min at 100°C (Thieme and Ballou 1971). For dephosphorylation, samples, dissolved in 0.1 M NH₄HCO₃, were incubated overnight at 37°C with alkaline phosphatase (Sigma). Portions of 1 U/ml sample were added at $t = 0$ and at $t = 4$ h (Karson and Ballou 1978). Treatments were followed by HPLC profiling on a GlycoSep-N column, as described in *Labeling of N-glycans with 2-AB and HPLC profiling*.

Lectin affinity chromatography

Agarose-bound elderberry bark lectin (SNA) (2 ml; 3 mg lectin/ml gel) was obtained from Vector Laboratories (Burlingame, CA). After loading a small aliquot of the non-desalted mono- or di-charged HPLC LiChrosorb-NH₂ fractions in water onto the column (flow rate, 13 ml/h), the flow was stopped for about 15 min to achieve maximal binding; then, the column was washed with 20 ml PBS to elute the nonbinding fraction. The bound fraction [(α2-6)-sialylated N-glycans] was eluted with 20 ml 20 mM EDA, and the eluate was immediately neutralized with 4 M acetic acid. To elute eventual remaining material, the column was additionally eluted

with 20 ml 50 mM lactose. Re-equilibration to starting conditions was carried out with at least 70 ml PBS (Shibuya et al. 1987; Tai et al. 1992). All experiments were performed at 4°C. Individual SNA-binding and flow-through fractions were desalted on Carbograph SPE Ultra-Clean columns (150 mg, 4 ml; Alltech), and lyophilized.

NMR spectroscopy

Prior to ^1H NMR spectroscopy, samples were lyophilized three times from 99.9% $^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.). ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz on a Bruker DRX-500 instrument at a probe temperature of 300 K, or at 600 MHz on a Bruker Avance spectrometer with a cryo probe at 300 K (Bijvoet Center, Department of NMR Spectroscopy, Utrecht University).

One-dimensional 500 MHz ^1H spectra of 5000 Hz spectral widths were recorded in 8K complex data sets using a water eliminated Fourier transform pulse sequence as described by Hård et al. (1992). Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm relative to internal acetone (δ 2.225 in $^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) (Vliegthart et al. 1983).

Two-dimensional TOCSY spectra at 600 MHz were recorded using Bruker software with MLEV-17 mixing times of 70, 100, and 150 ms (Bax and Davis 1985a). Data matrices of 400×1024 points were collected representing a spectral width of 3004 Hz (5 ppm) in each dimension. The $^2\text{HO}^1\text{H}$ signal was suppressed by presaturation for 1 s during the relaxation delay.

Two-dimensional NOESY spectra at 600 MHz were recorded using Bruker software with a mixing time of 400 ms (Bax and Davis 1985a, 1985b). Data matrices of 512×1024 points were collected representing a spectral width of 5388 Hz (9 ppm) in each dimension. The $^2\text{HO}^1\text{H}$ signal was suppressed by presaturation for 1 s during the relaxation delay.

The ^{31}P -filtered two-dimensional ^1H - ^1H TOCSY spectrum at 500 MHz was recorded with a MLEV-17 mixing time of 10 ms. ^{31}P -filtering using double INEPT was carried out with a selection delay of 30 ms on the small ^{31}P - ^1H couplings.

Mass spectrometry

For MALDI-TOF MS in the positive-ion mode, neutral N-glycan samples (0.5–1 μl) were mixed in a 1:1 ratio with a solution of 10 mg 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB) in 1 ml 10 mM aqueous ethanol; charged N-glycan samples (0.5–1 μl) were mixed in a 1:1 ratio with a solution of 10 mg DHB in 1 ml 50% aqueous acetonitrile. For MS analysis in the negative-ion mode, 2',4',6'-trihydroxyacetophenone monohydrate in acetonitrile:13.3 mM ammonium citrate (1 : 3, v/v) (2 mg/ml) was used as a matrix. In this case, the sample-matrix mixture was dried under reduced pressure (Papac et al. 1998).

Neutral N-glycans were analyzed on a Voyager-DE MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer (PerSeptive Biosystems, Framingham, MA) with implemented delayed extraction technique, using a VSL-337ND- N_2 laser (337 nm) with 3 ns pulse width. Spectra were recorded in the linear mode at an accelerating voltage of 24.5 kV, using an extraction delay of 90 ns. Mono- and di-charged N-glycans were analyzed on a Voyager-DE PRO MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer (Applied BioSystems, Foster City, CA), using a VSL-337ND- N_2 laser

(337 nm) with 0.5 ns pulse width. Spectra were recorded in the reflector mode at an accelerating voltage of 20 kV, using an extraction delay of 95 ns. Found masses correlate within 1 mass unit with the calculated ones.

Preparation of peptide digests and LC/MS/MS analysis for site specificity studies

Site specificity data were collected on an earlier batch of rhAGLU. rhAGLU samples were diluted in 6 M guanidine-HCl/0.1 M Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8.5. The samples were reduced with 16.7 mM dithiothreitol at 55°C for 1 h in darkness, then cooled to room temperature, and alkylated with 0.39% 4-vinylpyridine at room temperature for 2 h in darkness. The reaction was stopped with 2 M dithiothreitol, and the samples were dialyzed using Slide-A-Lyser into 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8.5, in a cold room. The derivatized rhAGLU samples were then treated with trypsin at a 1:50 enzyme protein ratio at 37°C overnight. The tryptic peptides were analyzed by capillary LC/MS/MS in a Q-STAR qq-TOF MS system (Applied Biosystems, Framingham, MA). Separations were carried out in a capillary Vydac C18 column (Microtech Scientific, 320 $\mu\text{m} \times 15$ cm) with a 1% formic acid, acetonitrile gradient at a flow rate of 4 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$. The signals from all of the glycoforms at the same site were averaged and deconvoluted using Bioanalyst software and the individual glycoforms normalized based on peak areas.

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Conflict of interest statement

None declared.

Abbreviations

2-AB, 2-aminobenzamide; DMB, 1,2-diamino-4,5-methylenedioxybenzene; EDA, ethylenediamine; FPLC, fast protein liquid chromatography; GAA, acid α -glucosidase; HPLC, high-performance liquid chromatography; LC/MS/MS, liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry; MALDI-TOF MS, matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry; MLEV, composite pulse devised by M. Levitt; MPR, mannose 6-phosphate receptor; NMR, nuclear magnetic resonance; NOESY, nuclear Overhauser enhancement spectroscopy; PBS, phosphate buffered saline; PNGase F, peptide- N^4 -(N -acetyl- β -glucosaminyl)asparagine amidase F; rhAGLU, recombinant human acid α -glucosidase; SPS-PAGE, sodium dodecyl sulfate-polycrylamide gel electrophoresis; TGN, *trans*-Golgi network; TOCSY, total correlation spectroscopy

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